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**Libraries' Advisory Committee**  
**November 29, 2018**

Members present via Skype: John Eye (chair), Chris Croft, Susan Dobson, Susan Mullican, Xinyu Yu

**Cook Library Remodel**

Construction for the remodel in Cook Library will begin 3/4/19 and conclude 6/2021. The timeline was presented to LAC members and there were no questions. There will be periods of time where parts of the building will be inaccessible and/or relocated, largely within the period of 12/1/2019 to 6/1/2021.

**McCain Library Renovation**

The construction will start 5/19/19 and is planned to be a 9-month project. During construction, available parking in front of McCain Library will be limited to handicapped spaces only. The bulk of the work will be to seal the water leakage in the building and install French drains. There will be a few cosmetic changes but nothing significant.

**Alma update**

The new system will be in place by 7/1/19, and provide more efficiency and increased capabilities for students and faculty. More details to follow as the "go-live" date approaches.

**Negotiating with vendors**

The University Libraries is working harder to negotiate stronger with vendors. We will work closely with the effected colleges and schools to make sure the impact is minimized as much as possible.

**Statewide Cooperation**

A statewide task force is being assembled by IHL to look into how academic libraries can work better together to purchase and manage collections collaboratively.

A question was asked about whether textbooks could be purchased for reserve using department/school firm allocations. The answer is yes.